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SCH # 2022070146

Project Title: VEGA SES 6 Solar and Battery Storage Project

Lead Agency: Imperial County Planning and Development Services Department Contact Person: David Black, Project Planner
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 City: El Centro, CA Zip: 92243 County: Imperial

Project Location: County: Imperial City/Nearest Community: Westmorland
 Cross Streets: Garvey Road and Andre Road Zip Code: 92227
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 115 ° 41'50 ' 10 " N / 33 ° 0'33 ' 88 " W Total Acres: 320
 Assessor's Parcel No.: 034-160-002 Section: 26 Twp.: 13S Range: 12E Base: _____
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 86, SR 78 Waterways: Westside Main Canal
 Airports: None Railways: None Schools: None

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ Draft EIS Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: WSA

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type Solar MW 80
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Educational: _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Recreational: _____ Other: _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: Tribal

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Vacant/S-2 Zone (Open Space Preservation)/Agriculture

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The project proposes to construct and operate an 80 megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar facility with an integrated 160 MW battery storage system on approximately 320 acres of privately-owned land. The proposed project would be comprised of solar PV arrays panels, an on-site substation, battery storage system, generation tie-line (gen-tie), inverters, transformers, underground electrical cables, and access roads. The proposed gen-tie line would be located entirely on BLM land. The project applicant has filed a right-of-way grant application with the BLM for a permit to construct, operate, and maintain the gen-tie line. Energy generated by the VEGA 6 project will be transmitted to IID's existing 161 kV "L" Line, with ultimate delivery to IID's Ramon Substation in Riverside County. IID has identified that upgrades to the Ramon Substation will be required in order to accommodate several planned utility-scale projects, including the VEGA 6 project. Upgrades to the Ramon Substation would involve expansion of an approximately 4-acre area immediately adjacent to the existing substation.

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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date February 26, 2024 Ending Date April 16, 2024

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 02/26/2024

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